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nonparticipating manufacturers. These are cigarettes that are sold by other than the participating manufacturers in those states. And so with this we will be addressing that issue. We also address some reporting requirements on page 2, lines 7 through 11. We added and put in statute a minority representation on the Nebraska Health Care Council. Presently we have that on the council, but this would just put it in statute so that if another administration came along they would still have to follow that minority representation, at least one, on the Nebraska Health Care Council. The fifth item on the list was behavior health rates, which are provider rates to hospitals. We took that out of LB 372, managed care contractor may negotiate different rates with different providers as necessary and appropriate. Six, we address the behavior health services, clarify a formula for distribution of funding to regional governing boards, clarify that services may be provided directly by a regional governing board only after competitive bidding and a determination by the board with HHS approval that the services can be more reasonably and beneficially provided by the board and require consultation with the state Mental Health Planning and Evaluation Council. Seven, we addressed emergency protective custody on page 3, in lines 13 and 19. On eight, developmental disabilities, clarified funding distribution based on length of time on the waiting list. And nine, we also added \$60,000 to respite funding. Actually, this was an error in the last...when we presented LB 692 we just left off the \$60,000, and this is putting it back in there. That's the way it was intended to be. With that, I will be glad to answer any questions, and thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Debate on the adoption of AM1137? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Jensen, if you would, could you just go over briefly how, under the amendment, the behavioral health funding formulas would work, and under emergency protective custody and developmental disabilities? Do they work on a per capita basis, or do they work on some other formula of distribution? And, if so, what...what formulas are those, or how...what...what is the basic principle involved?